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Memorandum

To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members

Commission for MH/DD/SAS

Consumer/Family Advisory Committee Chairs State Consumer Family Advisory Committee Chairs

Advocacy Organizations and Groups

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

County Managers **County Board Chairs**

North Carolina Council of Community Programs

From: Mike Moseley

Re: **Communication Bulletin #76**

Chief of State Operated Services

State Facility Directors Area Program Directors Area Program Board Chairs

DHHS Division Directors **Provider Organizations**

MH/DD/SAS Professional Organizations and Groups MH/DD/SAS Stakeholder Organizations and Groups

Other MH/DD/SAS Stakeholders



It is with great pleasure that I announce that James W. Osberg, Ph.D., has been promoted to the position of Chief of State Operated Services in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. This appointment is effective August 1, 2007. In his new role, Dr.Osberg will have management and oversight responsibility for all 15 of the Division's state-operated facilities: 4 state psychiatric hospitals, 3 developmental centers, 3 alcohol and drug abuse treatment centers, 3 neuro-medical treatment centers, and two schools for emotionally disturbed children.

Dr. Osberg is uniquely qualified for this new challenge having previously served in several capacities in the Division's central office and state facilities. Dr. Osberg currently serves as the Director of Dorothea Dix Hospital.

With Dr. Osberg's promotion, Dr. Patsy Christian will assume full responsibility over Dorothea Dix and John Umstead Hospitals. We believe that having Dr. Christian manage both facilities will serve to coordinate the final months of planning and implementation of the merger of these two institutions into the new Central Regional Hospital in Butner.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Osberg to this new role. He may be reached via electronic mail at James. Osberg@ncmail.net or telephone at (919) 855-4700.

cc: Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom

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